17. Shri Pankaj Bhatia	Journalist, Writer and Eminent Film-Critic.
18. Shri G.S. Khosla	Play-writer and Theatre Director.
19. Smt. Meenakshi	Department of Music and Fine Arts, Delhi University.
20. Shri Mani Madhukar	Writer, Director
21. Shri Brijendra Rahi	Writer, Director.
22. Shri D.P. Ray	Writer, Social Worker
23. Shri Rajendra Bagordia	Writer
24. Shri Ajay Koshish	Film Critic, Writer
25. Mrs. Padma Sachdev	Film Critic, Writer
26. Shri G.K. Dhawan	Film Critic, Writer
27. Shri Vinod Dua	Eminent Media person
28. Mrs. Jayashree Sathe	Literature
29. Mrs. Joy Michael	English Theatre
30. Mr. Barry John	English Theatre
31. Mrs. Vijay Daksh	Social Worker 220, Prakash Nagar, Rly. Road, Khurja, U.P.
32. Mr. Ved Pratap Vaidik	Chief of PTI Bhasha, Delhi.
33. Shri Keshav Kothari	Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy
34. Dr. Satish Chandra	Eminent Educationist.
35. Mrs. Tara Ali Beg	Social Worker
36. Prof. Indra Nath Choudhuri	Secretary, Sahitya Academy.
37. Mrs. Deepa Kaul	Social Worker.

[Translation]

Telecommunication Circle

942. SHRI SHRI RAM CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme Is under consideration for opening of new telecommunications circle offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any scheme to increase the number of telephone connections at Basti Town;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As per the policy of the Department of Telecom. Circle Offices are generally opened at the State capitals subject to adequate workload. There is no justification for opening of any new Circle office.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) There is a proposal to add a capacity of 1000 lines for Basti Town during the year 1996-97.

(f) Question does not arise.

[English]

Integrated Plan for Promotion of Tourism

943. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating an integrated plan for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) whether such plan may attract the domestic tourists and foreign tourists;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the implementation of such plan will be beneficial for the tourism industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (f). A National strategy for the Development of tourism in the country including Domestic and foreign Tourism has been drawn up and the specific components of plan are :

1. Infrastructure development
2. Product development and diversification including development of Mega tourism resorts.
3. Entrepreneurship development and promotion of self employment opportunities.
4. Enhanced tourist facilitation
5. Human Resources development
6. Research and computerisation
7. Promotion and Marketing.
8. Environmental protection and cultural preservation.
9. Provision of incentives.
10. Monitoring and Evaluation.
11. Strengthening of Organisation.

The implementation of the plan target 5 million Foreign Tourists by the turn of the century and envisages

aggregate direct employment opportunities to 14.17 million people.

Modernisation of the Air Traffic Control at Mumbai

944. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether work is underway for the modernisation of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) system at Mumbai and Delhi airports;

(b) if so, the broad features of the modernisation project;

(c) whether similar projects are also proposed to be launched in Calcutta Airport; and

(d) if so, when and its salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Modernisation of Air Traffic Control System of Mumbai and Delhi airports has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 423.89 crores. The equipment is being installed and tested. The broad features of the modernisation programme is automation of the traffic control and installation of Secondary Surveillance Radars which will enhance the Air Traffic Control handling capability of these two airports resulting in fuel saving for the airlines and less workload on the Air Traffic Controllers.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. The Air Traffic Control System at Calcutta airport is also being augmented. The existing Primary Radar is being replaced with a new State-of-art equipment. A Secondary Surveillance Radar is also being installed at Calcutta Airport. To augment the Oceanic control an Automatic Dependent Surveillance System is also under installation. The work is planned to be completed by May, 1997.

Films and Television Institutes

945. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Film and Television Institutes in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether requests have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The Government have recently, in addition to the Film and Television Institute of India at Pune, started another Institute, namely, the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute at Calcutta. The Government has no proposal to set up more Institutes at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Requests for setting up of Film and Television Institutes are received by the Government from time to time. Recently, requests have been received for setting up of such Institutes in the North-East and in Kerala. Due to paucity of resources, at present there is no proposal to set up any Film and Television Institute in addition to the existing two Institutes.

Parcel Staff Raided by CBI

946. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some parcel staff working at New Delhi Railway Station were raided in the month of January, 1996 by CBI and a heavy amount of unaccounted money was recovered from them;

(b) if so, whether the case was registered against them;

(c) if so, the result of further investigation;

(d) whether the administration proposed to challen the delinquent staff in the court of Law; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) CBI raided the parcel office in January, 1996. Though names of outsiders have been mentioned in the FIR, neither any parcel office staff has been named nor any further information regarding involvement of any Railway Staff in corruption nor recovery of unaccounted money from parcel staff was provided by the CBI after the raid.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Excavation of Metals in Himalayan Region

947. SHRI SAT MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether reserves of several precious metals have been discovered in Himalayan region through a survey conducted some years back

(b) if so, the details thereof, metal-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme for the excavation of these metals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). Geological Survey of India (GSI) has not discovered any precious mineral deposit in Himalayan Region.